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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
MINUTES OF 13 DECEMBER 1999

ATTENDANCE

Present: Antonucci, Bonner, Burns, Dunkle, Foss, Gobetti, Guthrie, Hart, Karni, Kleinsmith, Kossoudji, Lawson, Malkawi, Marcelo, Marshall, Masson, Moseley, Penner-Hahn, Perfecto, Raisler, Robertson, Rosenthal, Schneider, Schteingart, Sears, Sheil, Taylor, Ward, Whitehouse Jr., Winger

Alternates: None

Absent: Alcock, Anderson, Andrews, Bartlett, Bernal, Birdsall, Boyd, Brophy, Brusati, Castle, Christiansen, Colletti, Deskins, Dick, Erickson, Feldman, Harrington, Jacobsen, Jamerson, Juster, Kabamba, Kalisch, Karnopp, Karr, Konigsberg, MacAdam, Malamud, Mann, Mateo, Merchant, Murphy, Navvab, Rahme, Rocchini, Rosenberg, Savage, Scheiman, Sedman, Taghaboni, Teasley, Trumpey, Uribe, Vicinus, Walker, Wingrove, Wright, Zorn

Chair Kossoudji convened the meeting at 3:09 P.M.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Senate Assembly agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 22 November 1999
3. "Central Campus Parking" text handout dated 13 December 1999
4. Memorandum to SACUA from Rules Committee, dated 6 December 1999, regarding comments on proposed changes to Regents Bylaws 5.01, 5.23 and new 5.24
5. Economic and other considerations in parking and transportation. Report by P. Cunningham, dated January 1999.
6. Item for Action regarding Communications Advisory Committee, dated 13 Dec 99
7. Item for Action regarding Government Relations Advisory Committee, dated 13 Dec 99
8. Item for Action regarding Secretary of the University Advisory Committee, dated 13 Dec 99

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF 22 NOVEMBER 1999

The minutes of 22 November 1999 were approved.

VISIT OF ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT H. BAIER AND DIRECTOR OF PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PATRICK CUNNINGHAM

The guests arrived at 3:10 P.M.

Associate vice president Baier addressed the assembly first. He stated that many competing demands face parking at the University of Michigan. He pointed out that the Regents declared in July that they wanted to be apprised about how any new capital projects would address parking. He explained that from Tuesday to Thursday, parking is at full capacity. He said that he was happy to announce that as the result of considerable effort, 208 additional blue parking spaces were added to the central campus during November 1999. Mr. Baier turned the podium over to Mr. Patrick Cunningham at 3:15 P.M. Cunningham reported that 9 parking structures have recently been renovated and that they are expected to last 20 to 25 years more without major maintenance expense. He said that a remaining structure, Fletcher St., will have its renovation postponed until new construction is completed at Palmer Dr. Cunningham said that during the past 12 to 18 months 477 new spaces have been added: 269 at Keech/Main, 130 at Chrysler Arena, and 78 at Fletcher St. Furthermore, he said, by re-designation or re-striping an additional 208 spaces have been claimed for blue sticker permits on the Central Campus during November 1999. Cunningham said that his office has added a roving monitor for entrances of parking structures during mornings on a rotating basis, and has added an additional parking enforcement officer for the Central Campus. He pointed out that students are not eligible for blue or gold stickers, but that graduate students are admitted to parking lots after 3 P.M., which marks the end of the "rush hours". He then outlined a series of possible solutions that had been transmitted to his office over the past several weeks to months. He pointed out that he intends to create 1,000 to 1,500 new parking spaces for Central Campus within the next two to three years. He concluded prepared remarks and invited questions from the audience at 3:35 P.M. Professor Gobetti asked Cunningham to explain further about admittance of student to parking lots after 3 P.M. Cunningham replied that only graduate students are provided access to the lots, and that Parking has found that after 3 P.M. most lots have open spaces. Professor Gobetti responded that his observations indicated that many students are not observing the 3 P.M. limit. Cunningham said that the abuses need to be monitored and the violators must be alerted to stop.

A member of the Assembly asked if ticket holders were selling permits to students. Cunningham replied that his department was concerned about the possibility. He said that DPS has found 6 cases in the last month where the permits were being used by unauthorized users. Another member of the Assembly stated that many undergraduates seem to be willing to pay the existing fines for illegal parking. Professor Kleinsmith suggested that increased numbers of enforcers could be stationed at parking structure entrances. Another member recommended that multiple offenders be targeted for additional fines. Chair Kossoudji suggested that the first 3 weeks of the Winter Term should be a target for intense enforcement activity. Mr. Baier replied that intense effort at the start of the Term was a good idea because it might change behavior patterns. Professor Lowenthal asked whether violators were the major problem, and whether increased bus transportation to residential neighborhoods might reduce parking pressures.

Mr. Cunningham replied that the perception, probably true, was that students accounted for the majority of parking violations, but that eliminating that abuse would probably not solve the parking problems. He pointed out that at least one residential neighborhood has already objected to increased bus traffic because of the increased noise. Chair Kossoudji asked if Parking would consider the prospect of allocating a reserved parking space as prize for a contest in which the object was to propose the best solution to the parking problem. Mr. Baier expressed agreement for the idea. The guests left the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Chair Kossoudji reported that the Faculty Senate Office has assembled a notebook which holds documentation of the changes in agreements signed by faculty hired in the years from 1978 to the present. She said that feedback from faculty indicates that most of them have no knowledge of the agreements they signed regarding their intellectual property rights.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Chair Kossoudji asked Senate Assembly members to report about the practices regarding election of Executive Committees in their units. One member reported that in the School of Music, the faculty elect a slate of 3 candidates, from which the dean selects a member for the Executive Committee. A member from the Department of Psychology, LSA, reported that departmental votes for Executive Committee are not reported back to the faculty. A member from the Dental School reported that in the Dental School, votes for Executive Committee seem irrelevant to the choices that are made; there is no accounting even by rank. A member from the Department of History of Art, LSA, reported that in her department, the chair appoints the Executive Committee. Chair Kossoudji stated that members of central faculty governance would like to see full accounting of election results, but that it remains to be established whether that goal is the will of the faculty at large.

ITEM FOR ACTION- SACUA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ballots were distributed for election of a nominating committee to select candidates for election to SACUA.

ITEMS FOR ACTION- ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Professor Gobetti moved that Senate Assembly shall establish faculty advisory committees for 3 new vice presidents: University Relations, Government Relations, and Secretary of the University. (multiple seconds) Vote on the active motion was by show of hands. The number approving was a visible majority of the people present.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE CHAIR PROFESSOR LOMAX

Rules Committee Chair R. Lomax was recognized by Chair Kossoudji at 4:22 P.M.

Professor Lomax called attention to the report of his committee (item 4) regarding concerns about proposed changes to Regents Bylaws 5.01 and 5.23, as well as new Bylaw 5.24. Professor Marcello pointed out that concerns about leaving further definitions of clinical appointments to the units were justified, considering that the Medical School has no bylaws of its own. Ms. Kate Soper from the Office of the Provost responded that revision to the Regents Bylaws is complicated, and that revisions are contemplated which are (1) housekeeping in nature, (2) substantive, and (3) inclusionary. She said that the Bylaw revisions regarding clinical appointments initiated in the Office of the Provost. Ms. Soper said that other revisions were being handled by Secretary of the University L. Tedesco. She said that the Regents have established clinical tracks in 10 units, but the Regents Bylaws do not include all of them. She said that the goal of the proposed revisions is to reflect the fact that there are now many clinical track appointments in multiple units. She said that in making the revisions, it was necessary to change the definition of governing faculty. She said that there is no question there are ambiguities and inconsistencies within the existing Bylaws, particularly with regard to the definition of instructional staff. She stated that the administration intends to publish the proposed revisions in the Record during January.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.